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PRESIDENT YANG SHANGKUN'S TRIP TO PAKISTAN AND IRAN STARTING TOMORROW PROBABLY WILL FOCUS ON DEFENSE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL CONCERNS ABOUT A US-DOMINATED INTERNATIONAL ORDER. ☐

GEN. LIU HUAQING, WHO OVERSEES CHINA'S MILITARY R&D EFFORTS, AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG FUCHANG WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRESIDENT. THE TRIP CAPS A SERIES OF EXCHANGES AMONG THE THREE COUNTRIES. ☐

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☐ CHINESE OFFICIALS LAST WEEKEND DENIED US PRESS REPORTS OF NUCLEAR AND MISSILE COOPERATION WITH IRAN. ☐

COMMENT: YANG AND LIU ARE TWO OF CHINA'S KEY DECISIONMAKERS ON ARMS SALES AND PROBABLY WANT TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED VITALITY OF EXTENSIVE JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITH PAKISTAN AND IRAN. SUCH

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EFFORTS ARE CRITICAL TO FUNDING R&D NEEDED TO KEEP CHINESE ARMS EXPORTS COMPETITIVE AND TO SUPPORT THE MODERNIZATION OF CHINA'S MILITARY. [REDACTED]

IN TEHRAN, YANG MAY PORTRAY CHINA'S PLAN TO ACCEDE TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AS NO THREAT TO NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH IRAN. HE IS ALSO LIKELY TO GIVE BROAD ASSURANCES ON BEIJING'S WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT IRANIAN DEFENSE ENDEAVORS, WHILE STRESSING

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THE NEED FOR DISCRETION IN THE CLIMATE OF GROWING INTERNATIONAL SCRUTINY. [REDACTED]

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